RESOLUTION NO. 92-192

IN SUPPORT OF HRS DISTRICT FOUR, ALCOHOL, DRUG AND MENTAL HEALTH LEGISLATIVE BUDGET REQUEST FOR BIENNIUM 1991-1993

whereas, there are currently no group residential facilities in St. Johns County which provide long-term supportive housing for the mentally ill; and

WHEREAS, there are no residential facilities for mental health and substance abuse treatment in St. Johns County; and

WHEREAS, St. Johns County is among the fastest growing counties in the state; and

WHEREAS, state projections show that 1,985 adults and 332 adolescents are in need of mental health services which are not available to them in St. Johns County (about 50 percent of those in need are able to obtain services); and

WHEREAS, the St. Johns County Mental Health/Substance Abuse Advisory Committee submitted a three year plan prioritizing local service needs for expansion and implementation which included;

- 1. Establish a supervised and supported living home for the chronically mentally ill.
- 2. Appoint a task force to develop a working model of a self-supporting halfway house for substance abusers.
- 3. Establish a detoxification and residential treatment center for substance abusers.
- 4. Establish a crisis stabilization unit.
- 5. Establish a residential treatment facility for the seriously mentally ill; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners at the November 12th, 1991, meeting accepted the Advisory Committee's plan and priorities report, and adopted Resolution 91-170, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, hereby supports the appropriations proposal submitted by HRS for mental health and substance abuse service needs in St. Johns County including;

1. Fifteen six-bed group homes in the district to provide supportive housing for the mentally ill;

2. A ten-bed detoxification unit;

3. A fifteen-bed residential treatment center for substance abusers;

4. A five-bed CSU.

Passed and adopted this 10 day of November, 1992 by the St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

Tto Chairma

Attest: Carl "Bud" Markel, Clerk

By Deputy Clerk